



# NEWS ADVISORY

## County of Los Angeles

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### **SEPTEMBER 16 AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS---BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** **9:30 A.M.**

#### **Presentations:**

Former D.A. Gil Garcetti recognized for photographs of the Walt Disney Concert Hall ironworkers featured in County exhibit at California State and County Fairs.

KABC Radio General Manager John Davison and Community Relations Director Nelkane Benton cited for success of fund-raiser to aid local military families and the Southern California food bank.

#### **Reports:**

District Attorney Steve Cooley and Sheriff Lee Baca discuss gang injunctions and their cost. Baca also comments on increased number of murders in unincorporated areas. (S-1, 11:00 a.m., continued from 9-9)

Department of Children and Family Services reports on efforts to create an efficient case file and retrieval system and feasibility of conducting audit of state requirement that every social worker enter each case into a computer database. (Item 50, continued from 9-9)

Health Department provides financial update. (S-2, 11:30 a.m.)

#### **Agenda Items:**

Approval sought to develop 75-unit senior housing complex in Hacienda Heights with \$4.4 million in Home Investment Partnership program funds. (Item 1-D)

Authorization sought to sell four-unit housing site in East Los Angeles to Los Angeles Unified School District for \$515,000. (Item 1-H)

Supervisors asked to approve agreement between County Housing Authority, Sheriff and Superior Court to implement \$2.3 million pilot program to detect and prosecute fraud by traffic school owners and students, financed by fees charged those attending traffic school. (Items 2-H and 24)

Supervisors Yvonne Brathwaite Burke and Zev Yaroslavsky seek amendments to agreement with In-Home Supportive Services providers to reduce eligibility for health care coverage from 112 to 80 hours worked per month. (Item 2)

In response to accreditation problems involving Martin Luther King, Jr. – Drew Medical Center and the Charles Drew University of Medicine, supervisors asked to approve formation of task force to improve patient care and training programs. (Item 3)

Board considers allocating \$2.5 million to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to cover shortfalls in the winter shelter program and provide year-round homeless shelters throughout the County. (Item 10)

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich seeks report on possibility of non-citizens and felons registering to vote. (Item 14)

Authorization sought for Department of Public Social Services to increase by \$190,000 an agreement to provide transportation, intervention and crisis counseling to assist welfare families in the downtown Skid Row area in finding permanent housing. (Item 17)

Sharp increases in health and dental premiums proposed for many employees. (Item 20)

Board asked to approve change of use for former Ham Park property where Lynwood Unified School District plans to construct a new high school, in exchange for construction of a substitute park. (Item 21)

Reduction proposed in fire tax rate, saving property owners \$3.3 million. (Item 26, continued from 9-9)

Department of Mental Health requests authorization to accept \$146,000 in federal funding for a pilot mental health court transition project to assist in-custody mentally ill defendants, improve case management and reduce recidivism. (Item 31)

Seven grade separation projects recommended. (Item 33, continued from 9-9)

Department of Public Works seeks approval for off-site water facilities for Antelope Valley Courthouse at maximum cost of \$650,000, and to set bid opening for Oct. 14. (Item 36)

**Settlement:**

\$200,000 settlement recommended in case in which sheriff's deputy was accused of filing false reports. Settlement would also result in his promotion to sergeant. (Item 45, continued from 8-5, 8-26, 9-2 and 9-9)

**Budget:**

Budget changes recommended to reflect final actions by state Legislature, including restoring \$1.5 million to the library. (Items 51-56)

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